

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 356

By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to designate August 13, 2005, as "National Marina Day" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the citizens of Tennessee place a high value on their recreational time and their ability to access one of this State's greatest natural resources, its waterways; and

WHEREAS, in 1928, the word "marina" was used for the very first time by the National Association of Engine and Boat Manufacturers to define a recreational boating facility; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee is home to over 200 recreational boating facilities that contribute substantially to their respective communities by providing a safe, reliable gateway to boating for both residents and welcomed guests; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's marinas also serve as stewards of the environment, actively seeking to protect the surrounding waterways, not only for the enjoyment of this generation, but for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's marinas also provide members of their respective communities and visitors to this State a place where friends and families, united by a passion for the water, can come together for recreation, rest and relaxation; and

WHEREAS, National Marina Day serves to inform the American public about the many ways this nation's 10,000 plus marinas provide safer access to our federal waterways and government land, help to protect the environment, increase and expand economic development, and provide boater safety education and numerous other benefits; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that August 13, 2005, is hereby designated "National Marina Day" in order to honor Tennessee's marinas for their contributions to their respective communities and to make

citizens, policymakers, and employees more aware of the overall contributions made by Tennessee's marinas to their well-being.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Tennessee's marinas will continue to provide an environmentally friendly gateway to boating for the citizens of and visitors to the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Tennessee joins hands with other States and thousands of waterfront communities all across the United States in celebrating this special day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.